

Undaunted Warriors Try To Move Out of Cellar; Meet Bakersfield Team

Defeated but undaunted, El Camino College will send its basketball quintet into the final two contests of the first round of Metropolitan Conference play this week end.

Traveling to Bakersfield tomorrow night, the Warriors will engage the Renegades in an 8 p.m. tilt. The Caminotes will have everything to gain and nothing to lose in the northern city, being securely lodged in the conference cellar with a 0-5 performance background.

New Beginners' League Set at Bowling Alley

An additional beginners league of women bowlers is being formed at the Torrance Bowl-O-Drome. The league play will get under way Feb. 18, at 1 p.m., continuing each Tuesday.

Response to the formation of two beginners leagues prompted Bowl-O-Drome officials to start the third league for novice bowlers. Registration can be made at the local lanes.

In league play, Comets-Post 326, of Long Beach, moved 10 games in front of the Torrance Shafters in the 19th District American Legion, 1st division, play. C. Wilbur has the series high of 654 while F. Livingston is taking game honors with his 247.

Hallmark Cabinet and Home Improvement teams currently are tied 41 wins-19 losses in the Thursday Men's Handicap League. W. Boerner with his 695 series is pacing the field of entries while C. Hill recorded a 272 game.

V. Venable picked up a 6-7-10 split for some nice ball handling in the Ladies Tuesday Handicap. A. Williams has the series honors with a 643 while A. Coast recorded the top 257 game.

The 3 Mrs. are one game ahead of the zig zags in the Ladies Tuesday Morning Handicap League. M. Irgens has a 630 series. C. Montgomery's 241 is high game.

The 'Gades are lodged in a four-way tie for conference supremacy, sharing a 4-1 win-loss record with L. A. Harbor, Long Beach, and Valley colleges.

Coach Gil Bishop's charges have risen to pre-season predictions thus far. Bakersfield, finishing in a tie for fifth last season, was tabbed for the first division in '58. The four-way tie for first gives the Renegades just that. Reaching the semi-finals in the Sam Barry tournament during the Christmas holidays, the Renegades were dropped by their first-place roommates, the Long Beach Vikes.

Mac Ellis, only returning letterman on the '58 squad, has proved the standout for Bakersfield to day. Others expected to see action against the Warriors are forward Dave Van Wagenen from '57 Utah frosh, Buddy Canady, Cruz Ortiz, Jimmy Granata, Roger Short, Vern Crissman, and Johnny Miller.

Santa Monica, hosts at Saturday night's 8 p.m. basket battle, have disappointed their followers during the first round of play. Having been tabbed for a first division berth this fall, the Corsairs are a scant one game above the El Caminotes. A Saturday night win by the Stanichmen will pull them into a tie and give them companionship in the conference basement.

Sonny Smith, 6' 1" forward, is the lone letterman returning from the '57 Santa Monica quintet. A product of Santa Monica High School, Smith was named to the second string All-Metro team last year. From the free throw

line, he broke the college record by hitting on 74 per cent of his gift shots, averaging a 10.4 point total per game.

Small but fast, the Corsairs will also feature the play of All-CIF stars Tommy Bennett from Santa Monica High and Ned Eckert from Beverly Hills.

Without a returning letterman, Coach George Stanich is optimistic regarding the Warrior future hoping for a reversal of the 1957 season, when the El Cams dropped from a near-perfect first round record to consecutive defeats in the second round, when top starters were lost to the squad due to grade deficiencies.

Fast starters, the Warriors have held first-half leads through the round, only to drop behind during the second-half play. Gaining experience during the first round, the Warriors anticipate winning at least four games in the finale, when they will have the advantage of meeting the opponent on the local courts. Only three first-round engagements were played at El Camino.

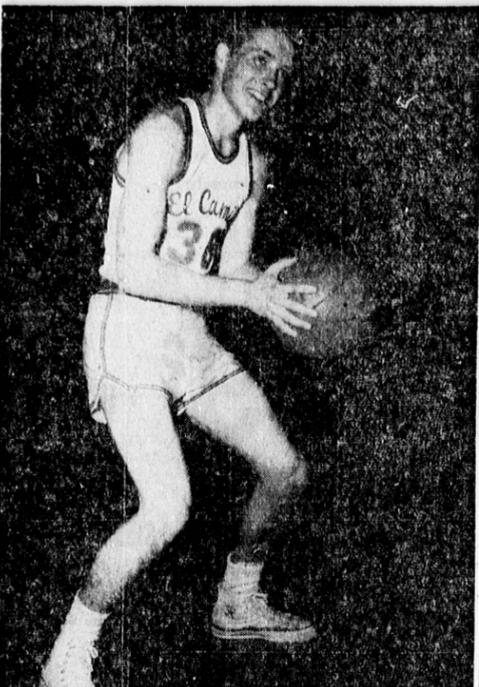
Coach Stanich will start Mira Costa letterman Mike Bright and John Spohrer, who played All-League ball for Gardena in '57, at the forward spots this week end.

Hawthorne's Kelly Kappen, who made All-Pioneer league honors last season, will start at the center post.

Guards will be George Hale and Bob Hutton. Hale, a Gardena graduate, made All-Marine League honors in '54, prior to entering the service; Hutton, an All-Pioneer League guard last year, lettered in basketball, baseball, and track at El Segundo last year.

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WARRIOR STARTER . . . A busy week end is in store for Bob Hutton and fellow El Camino College teammates who travel to Bakersfield and Santa Monica for basketball games tomorrow and Saturday nights. Hutton, who won All-Pioneer League honors last season, will start for the Warrior quintet.

SOUTH HIGH GETS BACK IN LEAGUE COMPETITION

South High's basketballing forces get back into Crescent League competition tomorrow when the Spartans invade the Lennox gym in the fourth round of the newly formed league's play.

Coach Jim Hanny's Spartans will carry with them a 1-2 league slate into the game.

Tuesday the South hoopsters drew a bye in the league schedule and a clash with El Segundo's junior-varsity was staged in the Eagle gym, with the powerful 'Gundo men taking an easy 59-43 win over the 9th and 10th grade localites.

The Eagles romped handily to the victory, holding the South quint scoreless in the second quarter while racking up a 25-6 halftime margin.

However the Spartans got hot in the second half, and with Joe Austin and Bill Hargrove leading the way, narrowed the score to 41-28, with a 22 point barrage on the hoop.

Austin, South High's freshman court whiz, led all scorers with 18 to his credit. Hargrove bucketed 14 to lend aid to the South cause.

Torrance Cagers Slate Game with Inglewood

By BILL SCHIPPER

Coach Marty Pelka's Torrance High Cagers play host to Inglewood's unpredictable Sentinels tomorrow night in the Tartar gym and local hoop enthusiasts are promised a real treat as the Sents' fabulous Gary Cunningham and THS' top scorer, Gene Cshaw, should hook up in one of the hottest scoring duels of the Bay League season. Tip-off time is 8 p.m., with the junior-varsity tilt slated to get under way an hour earlier.

The game is a "must win" for both outfits, as both are sporting identical 2-2 league records.

Inglewood's last outing resulted in a 54-42 loss to Mira Costa, and the Tartars were drubbed 55-44 by Redondo's upset-happy Seahawks.

Redondo, a team previously picked for the second division, has two upset wins in a row under their belts and now find themselves tied for the top spot along with Santa Monica; both with 3-1 records.

Serious Contenders
In dropping THS on the losers' hardwood Tuesday, the Hawks now are serious title contenders.

The Tartars held a 27-23 halftime advantage over the RUHS quint, but a 15 point scoring spurt in the third quarter put the winners ahead by two, and the Seahawks wrapped up the win in the final stanza by outshooting the locals 17-9.

Phil Herman, Redondo's celebrated junior pivot man, led all scorers with 24 digits. Torrance's Crenshaw led his mates in the score column with 15 tallies.

The winners came on strong in the final half, controlling the boards, and getting the all important breaks.

Right behind Crenshaw with 12 points was Russ Vanderpool, while THS' brilliant floor man Dale Mead dropped through 7.

Coach Pelka commented after the game that "Dale played a whale of a game, his best of the year."

The 15 points for Crenshaw gave him a total of 78 for the four Bay League encounters.

an average of 19.5 points per game.

Cunningham, the league's leader, has scored 94 points, and carries a 23.5 game average.

In other Bay League action tomorrow night, Leuzinger meets Mira Costa, and Redondo and Santa Monica clash for the league's first spot at Redondo.

EC Leftovers Coast to Easy 59-18 Victory

The heavily favored El Camino Leftovers coasted to an easy 59 to 18 win over the Chi Gamma Iotas last Thursday in the intramural championship final at El Camino College gym.

The methodical moving Leftovers, boasting a starting five of college varsity caliber, proved too strong for the Iotas defensively as they held their opponents scoreless through

Drag Races To Resume

Drag races, featuring in-board and outboard boats of all classes, will get under way again Saturday at the Long Beach Marine Stadium at 8 a.m. Racing will continue Sunday, starting at 12:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Long Beach Boat and Ski Club, the races will feature runoffs from 30 mph through 55 mph Saturday and from 55 mph up Sunday.

the opening quarter and well into the second.

Six foot five Tom Hanley led the scoring parade for the victors with 19 points. For the Iotamen it was Lawrence sneaking in 8.

Other Leftovers to score were Frank Holmes, 12; class floor general Tony Navarro tallied 11, and hustling Puetz dropped in 9.

Leftovers (59) Puetz (9) Holmes (12) Hanley (19) Navarro (11) Puetz (9)
Iotas (18) Johnson (8) Lawrence (4) Brooks (4) Arce (2) Ghirardi (2)
Scoring Subs: Leftovers—Kelly, Aguilar 2, Krauff 4.

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